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1. JAPAN

MAJOR COVERAGE IN ALL LEADING PAPERS ON CUSTOMS COURT
RULING 4/12 THAT TREASURY IMPOSE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES
ON IMPORTS JAPANESE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. RULING HANDED
DOWN IN NY/STEMMED FROM SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST US BY ZENITH
CORP/DESIGNED OFFSET COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE GOJ GIVES
ITS EXPORTERS IN SUBSIDY FORM. DOJ SAID APPEAL WILL
BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY, FINAL ADJUDICATION NOT EXPECTED
FOR SEVERAL YRS (COLE, NYT; FULLER, JOC; NYDN).

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FRONT-PG WP STORY ADDS JAPANESE EMB SPOKESMAN SAID JAPAN
"STRONGLY ANTICIPATES" US WILL TRY ENSURE RULING WILL
NOT BECOME "SERIOUS" TRADE BARRIER, ADDING JAPAN "DETERMINED"
EXAMINE "POSSIBLE MEASURES IT CAN TAKE IN THIS REGARD"
(EGAN). WSJ'S KLEINFELD REPORTS JAPAN ELECTRONICS
INDUSTRY ASSN SPOKESMAN SAID RULING WILL "TREMENDOUSLY
EFFECT" EXPORTS, AND ALTHO JAPANESE HAD EXPECTED "DEFEAT,"
THEY WOULD SEEK CHANGE US DOMESTIC LAW WHICH HE CALLED
"DEFECTIVE."

REUTER NOTES RULING DESCRIBED IN COURT BY USG ATTYS AS HAVING POTENTIALLY "DISASTROUS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES." ZENITH HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT 4/12, EXPECTED ISSUE STATEMENT LATER WEDNESDAY.

MILLIONS JAPANESE PUBLIC/PVT WORKERS EXPECTED WALK OFF JOBS IN SERIES 24-HR STRIKES AT WK'S END. JAPANESE UNIONS SEEKING MONTHLY WAGE INCREASES BETW 12-16 PCT UNDER GUIDANCE "PEOPLE'S SPRING OFFENSIVE JOINT STRUGGLE COUNCIL." CONCERTED WALKOUTS WILL MOST PROBABLY DISRUPT RAIL, ROAD TRAFFIC/FREIGHT DELIVERIES/OTHER INDUSTRIES (CULLISON, JOC).

IN TOKYO, US DOLLAR PLUNGED TO LOWEST AGAINST YEN SINCE 11/1/73 (UPI, NYDN).

JOC REPORTS RISE IN YEN VALUE HAS MEANT JAPANESE STEEL INDUSTRY NOW EXPORTING AT SUBSTANTIAL LOSS TO ALL WORLD MARKETS, W/POSSIBLE EXCEPTION US. JAPAN'S STEEL EXPORTS PRICED IN DOLLARS, AND INDUSTRY SO FAR UNABLE RAISE EXPORT PRICES EXCEPT IN US. IF YEN VALUE REMAINS HIGH, SMALLER MFRS MAY BE FORCED CUTBACK ON EXPORTS.

FIRST "EURO-YEN" BOND ISSUE, MADE POSSIBLE UNDER AMENDMENT TO JAPAN LAW, LAUNCHED BY EUR INVESTMENT BANK. MOVE EXPECTED CONTRIBUTE TO WIDER USE YEN IN INTL TRADE/OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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OPNS (PORTER, JOC).

LAT'S BERGHOLZ (4/12) REPORTS GOV BROWN SAID MONDAY HE OFFERED NO SPECIFIC INDUCEMENTS LURE JAPANESE AUTO MFRS TO CALIF, BUT "WOULDN'T RULE OUT" ANY, EITHER. NOTES BASIC PITCH IS THAT CALIF CONSUMES 25 PCT JAPANESE CAR IMPORTS IN US/STATE RECEPTIVE TO JAPANESE PRODUCTS, CULTURE/SONY HAS ALREADY LEARNED ADVANTAGES LOCATING THERE.

JAPAN AGREES ALLOW ZAIRE DEFER PAYMENT ON 3.8 MIL DOLS IN COMMERCIAL LOANS DUE NOW (UPI, JOC).

2. INDOCHINA

SRV SAID TUES THAT BIGGEST PROBLEM FACING SAIGON ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF FALL TO COMMUNISTS IS HOW GET CITY DWELLERS BACK TO COUNTRYSIDE. DECLARED 6 MILLION MORE WILL BE MOVED FROM CITIES TO COUNTRY; SAID MORE THAN 80 PCT SAIGON POPULATION PROVIDES NO USEFUL WORK FOR STATE (UPI, NYT).

BANGKOK DIPLO SOURCES SAID TUES THAT LAO TROOPS HAVE ROUTED RIGHTIST REBELS FROM 2 MEKONG ISLANDS, VN TENSIONS

APPEARED DIMINISHING (WSTAR 4/12).

3. PHILIPPINES

PRES MARCOS SAID TUES THAT MOSLEM REBEL LEADERS HAVE AGREED END THEIR 4-YR REBELLION/PARTICIPATE IN PRO-VISIONAL GOVT. UPI (MANILA) SEES ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE OVER NATIONWIDE RADIO DURING ZAMBOANGA VISIT, CLEARING LAST OBSTACLE TO VOTE SUNDAY ON DETAILS OF AUTONOMOUS MOSLEM REGION IN SOUTHERN PHILS (WP, NYT; WSTAR 4/12).

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GOS ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY 10 POL DETAINEES BEING RELEASED, INCLUDING ARUM SENKUTTUWAN, SINGAPORE CORRESPONDENT OF SOME OVERSEAS NEWSPAPERS; LATTER/3 OTHERS RELEASED UN-CONDITIONALLY; BUT SENKUTTUWAN AND ANOTHER RELEASED DETAINEE, AIRLINE EXECUTIVE KOH KAY YEN, TO BE DEPRIVED OF SINGAPOREAN CITIZENSHIP (REUTER SINGAPORE).

5. ANP

PM FRASER WEDNESDAY ASKED AUSSIES AGREE TO WAGE/PRICE FREEZES FOR 3 MONTHS IN ORDER ;ALT ECON DECLINE (REUTER CANBERRA).

CSM SPEC (SYDNEY) NOTES WHILE AUSTRALIA TOOK ITS TIME ABOUT JUMPING ON BANDWAGON, BOTH STATE/FEDERAL GOVTS NOW INVOLVED IN STEPS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS.

"TASS" ACCUSED US TUES NIGHT OF BUILDING-UP INDIAN OCEAN MIL BASES, DESPITE CARTER PLEDGE TO CONSIDER DEMILITARIZATION OF AREA. REUTER (MOSCOW) SEES COMMENTARY SEEMINGLY DESIGNED FEND OFF CRITICISMS FROM "NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU" WHICH, AT NEW DELHI MEETING, CALLED ON 2 SUPER-POWERS LAST WK FOR MORE DECISIVE ACTION IN CREATING INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE.

6. CHINA

LI HSIEN-NIEN MET TUES WITH CODEL AND PRES' SON "CHIP", WHO RECEIVED 27TH-BIRTHDAY GREETING FROM LI (AP TOKYO, SUN, AND UPI HK; LATTER ALSO EXCERPTED IN NYT). UPI NOTES USLO CHIEF GATES SAT IN ON LI MEETING, WHICH DEVOTED TO SINO-SOV RELS/ARMS CONTROL. EARLIER LUNCHEON WITH HUANG HUA DEALT WITH BILATERAL ISSUES. CODEL PROVIDED FEW DETAILS TALKS. BRADEMAS SAID FEW SURPRISES IN PRC FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS. PEKING SOURCES SAY GROUP LIKELY MEET WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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HUA KUO-FENG BEFORE LEAVING PEKING.

CHIP" SAID BRINGING BACK MESSAGE TO FATHER FROM HUA
(CBS RADIO).

AP (TOKYO) NOTES FORMER US PROTOCOL CHIEF SHIRLEY TEMPLE
BLACK AND SPOUSE MET WITH VICE FORMIN WANG HAI-JUNG IN
PEKING.

FOR 1ST TIME, PRC CONFIRMS DEATH RESULTED FROM POL STRIFE
FOLLOWING OCT PURGES. KANSU RADIO REPORTS DEATH OF
YOUNG WORKER (WANG HUI-JU). HANGCHOW BROADCAST REPORTS
MARCH 27 DEATH OF COMMANDER PRC'S EASTERN NAVAL FLEET
MA LUNG (66) "IN THE LINE OF DUTY." ACCORDING AFP,
PERSONS IN CANTON SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR COMMON LAW
CRIMES (HK REPORTS, WP).

CHINESE OFFICIALS TOLD BRITISH REPORTERS GROUP OF SHANGHAI
ADMINISTRATORS ATTEMPTED MOUNT INSURRECTION IN CITY AFTER
OCT ARREST "GANG OF FOUR" BUT FAILED. CITY'S MILITIA TOLD
PREPARE FOR WAR, BUT LACKED AMMO AND PLA LOYAL TO PEKING.

7. HOLBROOKE TRIP

REPLYING TO QUESTION AT SEOUL PRESS CONF MONDAY, EA ASST
SEC HOLBROOKE SAID HE HAD NOT MENTIONED HUMAN RTS ISSUE
AT ALL IN MTG W/FONMIN PARK TONG JIN/NOTED WASHINGTON
"HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN." HOLBROOKE TERMED
US-ROK RELS "VERY GOOD," W/"CLOSE, CONTINUING RELATIONS
AT ALL LEVELS." ASST SEC ALSO REVEALED US HAD CONSULTED
PRIVATELY W/PRC ABOUT PLANS REMOVE GROUND TROOPS FROM
SK. SAID NO PVT CONTACTS ABOUT PULLOUT MADE W/NK,
ADDED NOT SURE WHETHER SUCH CONTACT MADE W/USSR. STATED
US HOPES WORK OUT WITHDRAWAL DETAILS/BEGIN FORMAL CONSUL-
ATIONS W/SK SOMETIME NEAR MIDYEAR (JAMESON, LAT 4/12).
ARTICLE'S HEADLINE: "CARTER OFFICIAL SIDESTEPS HUMAN
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RIGHTS, PRAISES US RELATIONS WITH SKOREA."

8. KOREA

PARK TOLD VISITING WOLFF CODEL 4/11 THERE WILL BE NO
MORE WINING/DINING AT ROKG EXPENSE FOR US LEGISLATORS
WHO VISIT IN FUTURE. CODEL LEFT SEOUL 4/12. DURING
2-HR TALK W/PARK, CODEL CONVEYED CARTER ADMIN'S CONCERN
FOR HUMAN RTS, AND PARK INDICATED READINESS DECLARE
AMNESTY FOR JAILED POL PRISONERS IF THEY AGREE TO "MORA-
TORIUM" IN DISSENT. CODEL ALSO HAD CONTACTS W/LEADING
OPPOSITION FIGURES. WOLFF SAID PARK REJECTED CHARGES
OF MISTREATING POL PRISONERS, ADDED US SHOULD USE "ONLY

PERSUASION, AND NO PRESSURES" WHEN FACED W/SEEMINGLY ADAMANT GOVT (NYT).

IN NY INTERVIEW, GENRL SEC NATL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN KOREA KWAN SUK KIM SAID HIS RECENT TALKS W/ROKGOFFICIALS LED HIM BELIEVE THEY WERE MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTANCE HUMAN RTS GOALS. AFTER MTGS W/USG OFFICIALS, SAID CARTER ADMIN APPEARED MORE COMMITTED TO ISSUE THAN EITHER FORD/NIXON. STATED "CONVERGENCE", NOT "POLARIZATION" NEEDED BETW HUMAN RTS/SECURITY ADVOCATES. KIM DECLINED MAKE ANY SPECIFIC CRITICISM AMB SNIEDER, BUT "STRONGLY" RECOMMENDED US CHANGE PATTERN DIPLOMACY BY APPOINTING AMBS "WHO HAVE MORE SENSITIVITY TO THE PEOPLE'S SUFFERING" (EARLY, CSM).

POWERS (LAT 4/12) REPORTS PAPER'S MONTH-LONG STUDY INDICATES US INS HAS OPERATED SINCE EARLY '74 W/"HANDS OFF" POLICY RE HUNDREDS ALIEN MEMBERS MOON CHURCH. INS WASHINGTON CHIEF BERTNESS SAID LONG AS CHURCH "COOPERATING" IN HANDLING ALIEN MEMBERS, "WE SAW NO REASON TO PRESS THEM." WERS CITES SOURCES FORMERLY CLOSE TO CHURCH THAT "APPEARANCE OF COOPERATION" BY WHICH CHURCH SENDS FEW MOONIES AT TIME TO INS ON REQUEST UNCLASSIFIED

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ALLOWS IT "BUY TIME" FROM AGENCY.

HYER (WP) REPORTS FRISCO COURT HEARING INVOLVING PARENTS' ATTEMPT GAIN CUSTODY 5 YOUNG MEMBERS MOON CHURCH HELPED BREAK CULT'S HOLD W/O "DEPROGRAMMING." ONE FORMER CHURCH MEMBER DESCRIBES EXPERIENCES W/CHURCH, HOW HEARING ENABLED HER SEE "BOTH SIDES," RATHER THAN BLIND OBEDIENCE TO MOON CULT; ALL BUT 1 LEFT CHURCH.

NYT'S HALLORAN REPORTS ON PROBLEMS KOREAN RESIDENTS US HAVING SINCE BRIBERY SCANDAL ERUPTED. CITES VA COMMUNITY, WHOSE MEMBERS TAUNTED W/MOCKERY, HUMILIATION. ALSO NOTES KCIA SEEMS HAVE INCREASED HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION KOREAN RESIDENTS, BUT METHODS NOW MORE SUBTLE. AGENTS ALSO TRY DISSUADE KOREANS WHO OPPOSE PARK FROM TALKING W/CONGRESSMEN/NEWSMEN/OTHERS, THUS BUILDING ANTI-PARK SENTIMENT AMONG THEM.

SK COMMERCE/INDUSTRY MINISTER CHANG YEI JOON TOLD MTG US-KOREA ECON COUNCIL IN NY 4/12 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE SK FEAR PROTECTIONIST TIDE, FEEL ITS EFFECTS "IMMEDIATELY AND PAINFULLY." ADDED EXPORT-LED GROWTH MOST APPROPRIATE/VIABLE STRATEGY FOR SUCH NATIONS (REUTER 4/12).

AT SAME MTG, DOS ECON OFFICER PHILIP MAYHEW SAID USG FEELS SK SHOULD REMOVE TRADE BARRIERS WHICH PROTECT CERTAIN INDUSTRIES. MAYHEW LATER TOLD QUESTIONERS IMPACT OF CONCERN

RE HUMAN RTS IN SK "CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED." STATED PRIMARY IMPACT IS ON ATTITUDE US PUBLIC/CONGRESS, THO DIFFICULT JUDGE EFFECT ON BUSINESS (REUTER 4/12).

9. KOREA

YOUNGCHE KANG, INFO DIRECTOR, KOREAN CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY AND UNIFICATION, WRITES WP RE SUPREME COURT TRIAL 18 SKOREAN DISSIDENTS. NOTES DECISION ENDING SK'S "MOST CELEBRATED TRIAL" POL DISSIDENTS TOOK ONLY 17 MINS COMPLETE-- UNCLASSIFIED

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EVIDENCE RULING WAS ALREADY "FOREGONE CONCLUSION." STATES PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY MAY NOW BE CONVENIENT SCHEME DEMONSTRATE BENEVOLENT ACT BY PARK; BUT INNOCENT "DEMAND JUSTICE," NOT MERCY. URGES THEREFORE, NOT AMNESTY, BUT RESCINDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREES/YUSHIN CONSTITUTION.

10. CHINA

UPI'S JIM ANDERSON SAYS AS RELS WITH SOV SHOW SIGNS STRESS, ADMIN RENEWING INTEREST IN MOVES TOWARD FULL DIP RELS WITH PRC. MENTIONS EXPECTED VANCE TRIP PRC LATER THIS YR, PRESENCE CARTER SON WITH CODEL AND RECENT COMMENTS OF NCUSCT'S PHILLIPS. NOTES MONDAY PHILLIPS-SECSTATE MTG AND PHILLIPS' VIEW CHINESE LINK TRADE WITH NORMALIZATION RELS. ADDS ADMIN NOW MOVING ON PRC, AND CITES PHILLIPS'S REMARKS THAT LINKAGE OF STRAINS IN US-SOV RELS, ETC WITH RENEWED ADMIN INTERESTS IN PEKING CONNECTION AN "INEVITABLE CONCLUSION" BUT APART FROM PROBLEMS TO BE WORKED OUT IN LONG-TERM US INTERESTS IN ASIA. ALSO CITES HIGH-RANKING US OFFICIAL AS SAYING PRC HASN'T BEEN "VERY COOPERATIVE" ON DEFENSE TREATY AND WE CAN'T SIMPLY DROP TAIWAN. SAYS PRC MAY BEGIN PAYING MORE ATTENTION FOREIGN POLICY NOW THAT STARTING RECOVER FROM TURMOIL (4/12).

CDN'S KEYES BEECH (4/8) ALSO SUGGESTS PRC'S MOVING TO TOP OF ADMIN'S AGENDA/US CODEL COURTING PEKING AFTER COLLAPSE MOSCOW ARMS TALKS. SAYS TIMING SETS CODEL VISIT APART FROM OTHERS. PRC OFFICIALS WELCOMED DOS SUGGESTION VISIT NOW RATHER THAN LATER. WH CHINA EXPERT OKSENBERG ON RECORD AS FAVORING FULL DIP RELS WITH PRC. PRES PUT PERSONAL SEAL OF APPROVAL ON CODEL VISIT BY SENDING SON. SEES ASSESSMENT CHINESE INTENTIONS ONLY THING LIKELY COME OF TRIP; NOTES CODEL HAS NO AUTHORITY NEGOTIATE.

CSM'S KILBORN DISCUSSES ROXANNE WITKE BOOK ON CHIANG CHING, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH HE TERMS STORY ABOUT POWER AND WOMEN/HOW THEY SOME-

TIMES CLASH. NOTES BOOK REVIEWS MIXED BUT IN AGREEMENT
WORK FORMIDABLE/IMPORTANT/UNIQUE, SINCE CHIANG CHING TOLD
STORY.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) REPORTS PRC LEADERSHIP CIRCULATED
DOSSIER DISCREDITING EARLY BACKGROUND OF PURGED "GANG OF
FOUR." CHIANG CHING CHARGED WITH BETRAYAL TO NATIONALISTS
IN 30'S AND CHANG CHUN-CHIAO WITH BEING NATIONALIST'S
SECRET AGENT. CHARGES SEEM CONSTITUTE ANOTHER OBLIQUE
ATTACK ON MAO. GANG REPORTEDLY UNDERGOING INTERROGATION
IN PEKING. CHINESE SOURCES BELIEVE VERDICT AWAITS MEETING
MAJOR PARTY CONGRESS, BUT ABOUT THIRD CONGRESS ARE POST-
CR MEMBERS AND MAY BE SUSPECTED LEFTIST INVOLVEMENT. MOST
SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST CHANG, WHO'S ALSO ACCUSED OF
COVERING-UP WIFE'S COOPERATION WITH JAPANESE IN '37.
WANG HUNG-WEN ACCUSED OF USING POSITION FOR PERSONAL GAIN.
YAO WEN-YUAN CHARGED WIT; COVERING-UP SOCIAL BACKGROUND/
PRETENDING COME FROM FAMILY OF INTELLECTUALS.

11. HUMAN RIGHTS

ROSS TERRILL (GLOBE 4/12) VOICES "THREE CHEERS THAT US
STATESMEN CAN TALK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS." ARGUES THAT
HAVING PRINCIPLES/ARGUING FOR THEM IS DISTINCT FROM
INTERVENING TO FORCE ONE'S PRINCIPLES ON OTHERS. CITES
PRC AS EXAMPLE OF NATION THAT TELLS WORLD WHAT IT CARES
ABOUT--MAO'S THOUGHT. BUT DOES NOT MEAN PEKING "BARGES
IN TO MAKE OTHER SOCIETIES ALONG MAOIST LINES." YET
PRC'S SELF-ASSURANCE ABOUT BELIEFS HAS GIVEN IT THIRD
WORLD INFLUENCE--"AND INFLUENCE IS PART OF POWER." SAYS
MANY DICTATORS, FROM ECUADOR TO ROMANIA TO SK, HAVE BEEN
MADE ANXIOUS ABOUT LIABILITIES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVE
POLICIES BY CARTER'S WORDS ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

12. NUCLEAR POLICY

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CHIS-T (4/9) VIEWS CARTER'S NUKE POLICY AS "WISE MOVE."
NOTES VALID CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN FORD FDTN AND CONGRES-
SIONAL STUDIES OF DANGERS OF DIVERSION INHERENT IN FAST-
BREEDER REACTOR PROGRAM. SAYS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET
REST OF WORLD TO SHARPLY LIMIT THESE PROGRAMS WITHOUT
THE US SETTING EXAMPLE.

DANIEL YERGIN, MEMBER ENERGY RESEARCH PROJECT AT HARVARD
BUSINESS SCHOOL WRITES IN LAT (4/12) THAT CARTER'S
STATEMENT LAST WEEK IS AN ALMOST DESPERATE EFFORT TO HELP
CONTROL SPREAD OF NUKE WEAPONS TO COUNTRIES NOT NOW
HAVING THEM. SAYS "...THE US IS CORRECTLY SAYING IT WILL
NO LONGER IGNORE THE CLOSE LINKAGE BETWEEN NUCLEAR POWER
AND ATOMIC WEAPONARY." SEES WORLD THREATENED WITH A
"PLUTONIUM GLUT" UNLESS CURRENT POWER PROJECTS CONTROLLED.

DISCUSSES ROLE OF "NUCLEAR ESTABLISHMENT" IN US IN
STIMULATING SPREAD OF NUKE POWER.

13. ADD NEWS - GENERAL

REPORT MADE BY SPECIAL AUDIT CMTE/FILED WITH SEC TUESDAY,
SAID LEADING US MAKER OF OFFSHORE OIL/GAS DRILLING
EQUIPMENT (JRAY MCDERMOTT AND CO) MADE QUESTIONABLE PAY-
MENTS TO GOVT OFFICIALS IN 14 COUNTRIES BETWEEN 1971-76--
INCLUDING AUSTRALIA/INDONESIA/SINGAPORE. ONLY FOREIGN
PAYMENT SPECIFICALLY LISTED IN REPORT INVOLVED 25,000 DOLS
TO "INDONESIAN ENTERPRISES INC" AT REQUEST GEN SUTOWO AND
WAS USED TO OPERATE "RAMAYANA RESTAURANT" IN NYC (REUTER
WASHINGTON).

TREASURY DEPT SAID TUES US WILL SEND SMALL DEL TO NEXT
WK'S ADB MEETING IN PHILS, HEADED BY DEPT'S DEPUTY ASSIST
SEC FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS. SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT DEL WILL
NOT ATTEMPT RAISE ANY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AT MEETING. (UPI,
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